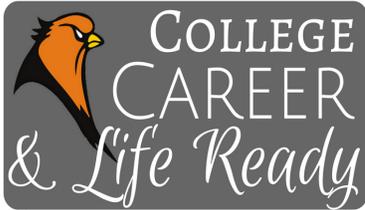




THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH FOND DU LAC



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Dear Bessie Allen Middle School Families:

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer of relaxing, recharging, and new adventures! The 2019-20 school year will certainly go down in history due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent closure of BAMS for the duration of Term 4. We are appreciative of all of your efforts, patience, and understanding during these unparalleled times. Together, we navigated the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic and moved to a Remote Learning environment. While this transition was not ideal, nor desired, our students came through in the clutch. Overall, 96% of students completed/passed at least one class for all weeks of Remote Learning. 67% of students completed/passed all courses for the entire weeks of Remote Learning. The entire student body pass rate was 87% (11494/13212 courses).

This letter will serve as an update for what is in store for BAMS as we return to school in Fall 2020. The information presented in this communication will be very general in the meantime due to the ever-changing nature of the guidance provided to our District by national, state, and local organizations such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the Office of Wisconsin Governor Evers, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), and the Fond du Lac County Department of Health. As August approaches, we hope to be able to share with you all finalized and firm details on the reopening plan for BAMS.

For now, here is where we stand at this point. September 1st is the first day of school at BAMS. The District is currently planning two education options with different scheduling scenarios for future educational settings depending on the environment, regulations and expectations that exist at the time schools are slated to reopen in Wisconsin.. We will preparing processes and procedures for the following options:

- Option #1: eOriole Academy (all virtual learning experience for at least a semester)
- Option #2: Fluid Model (based on current numbers of COVID-19 cases in FdL County)
 - Everyone back at school (with precautions taken as recommended by CDC, DHS, DPI, etc)
 - Everyone virtual – no students at school (more interactive than previous version)
 - Blended – 50% of the students in school at a time with online learning component

The decision for “how” school will take place is fluid and may need to change as the year and situations evolve. As a school system, we will continue to work hard to ensure learning does not stop for our students. Please note that BAMS will continue to transition towards more electronically-based forms of communication during these times. BAMS will continue with online registration (more information on this topic has been sent to families earlier). It is imperative to make sure you have updated email addresses/phone numbers on file and can login to Skyward Family Access. As information regarding COVID-19 and its impact on the reopening of schools changes, it is crucial that families check their emails, texts, social media, and phone messages frequently for information from the District and/or BAMS.

One important note that needs to be addressed involves online registration. If registration is not completed, meaning that fees have not been paid, then students would lose their Good Standing until the full monetary amount is received by the BAMS Main Office.. Also, if other fees for field trips, sports participation, and so forth, are received, but registration has not yet been paid, then the money would be applied towards fulfilling registration cost first.

Here are some key sources of information for 2020-21:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Back Parent Letter (Spanish) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Calendar 20/21 and Spanish
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Standing Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell Phone Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAMS School Counseling Website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFdL Schools - Facebook Page
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFdL Schools - Twitter Page 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oriole Nation Booster Club
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iPad Technology Use Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Pledge for iPad Use

Here are some key dates for the first two months of school:

Locker Days will be held first week of school. No Back to School Night	First Day of School: 9/1/20	NO SCHOOL - Inservice Day #1: 9/18/20	Parent Teacher Conferences: 10/19/20 and 10/21/20	NO SCHOOL - Inservice Day #2: 10/30/20	End of Term 1: 11/6/20
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At BAMS, we believe that all children, regardless of background, are entitled to a high quality education that ensures that they are able to communicate, collaborate, think critically, and be creative in order to be ready for college, career, and life options after high school. All of us - the school and the community - must work together in an extended family environment to foster success for all our students. Our motto of “working together for the success of all” means that it is everyone's responsibility to empower children with the creative, intellectual, and decision-making skills necessary for them to become academically, socially, physically, and emotionally successful and responsible. BAMS offers a wide variety of quality academic and extracurricular programs to meet the needs of each student. Our curriculum is data driven and focuses on student achievement. We are committed to adhering to the principles of “The Oriole Way” in our daily interactions. The Oriole Way expectations of “Be Ready, Be Respectful, and Be Safe” will be universal in all areas of our building for students, teachers, parents, and visitors. This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun and nurturing environment. Each student at BAMS is held to high expectations, related to regular school attendance, putting forth maximum effort in each classroom, and respecting the rights of each individual in our school community.

I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. It is a privilege for me to be the Principal at BAMS. The responsibility of educating the children of BAMS is tremendous, but partnering together we can meet this challenge with success for all students. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children. Please feel free to stop in, call or email me to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas to help make this the best year yet for your family!

Sincerely,



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